

Regular School Board Meeting Including
a Public Hearing as Required Underneath
Wis. Stat. 118.38(1)(b)

Wednesday, June 17, 2026 6:30 PM

D.C. Everest Administration Building

6100 Alderson Street

Weston, WI 54476

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Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM. Ben Bliven: Present, Jennifer Douck: Present, Katie Felch: Present, Shannon Grabko: Present, Lindsey Lewitzke: Present, Larry Schaefer: Present, Yee Leng Xiong: Absent. Present: 6, Absent: 1. Yee joined via phone at 6:32. Also in attendance Superintendent Nye, Assistant Superintendents Lindell and Strike, Executive Assistant Suckow.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Public Hearing re: Waiver of Minutes for Riverside Elementary

No one spoke.

V. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Katie Felch and seconded by Ben Bliven to approve the agenda for tonight's regular meeting. With a voice vote this motion passed.

VI. Public Comment – no one spoke

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Katie Felch and seconded by Larry Schaefer to approve the Consent Agenda. With a roll call vote this motion passed.

Yee Leng Xiong: Yea, Ben Bliven: Yea, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

VII.A. Approval of Minutes

VII.B. Certified Staff Recommended Employment/Resignations/Contract Adjustments

VII.C. Treasurer's Report - General/Other Fund Bills

VII.D. Balance Sheet

VII.E. Budget Transfers

VII.F. Budget Revisions

VII.G. Grant Application(s)/Budget(s) Approval

VII.H. Fundraising Requests

VII.I. Gift/Bequests

VII.J. Bus Accident Report

VII.K. Second Reading of Policies

VII.K.1. po5136 Personal Communication Devices

VII.K.2. po9215 School Support Organizations

VIII. Non-Certified Staff Employment Changes (Informational Only)

IX. Reports/Considerations

IX.A. WASB Legislative Network Member – July 10-11 is the Summer Learning Symposium in Stevens Point. The June legal update was held online today and a video is available.

IX.B. CESA #9 Representative – Celebrations of Excellence were heard from the administrator.

IX.C. Superintendent

IX.C.1. District Update

IX.C.2. Semiquincentennial Celebration

IX.C.3. Data-Based Community Insights

IX.C.4. Portrait of a Graduate

IX.C.5. Facilities Study Updates

IX.C.6. Youth Apprenticeship Update

IX.C.7. Upcoming Everest Roots Podcast Topics

X. Unfinished Business

X.A. Soaring into Summer – Weston Elementary

XI. New Business

XI.A. Annual Required Student Data Reports

Motion made by Lindsey Lewitzke and seconded by Ben Bliven to approve the 2025-2026 D.C. Everest Crime Statistics on School Property Report. With a voice vote this motion passed.

XI.B. Education for Employment/ACP Report - Informational

XI.C. Resolution for Riverside Elementary Waiver of Minutes

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1) and Wis. Admin. § PI 8.01(4) authorize school boards to request the Department of Public Instruction to waive any school board or school district requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121 or in the administrative rules promulgated by the Department under the authority of those chapters; and WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §118.38(1)(b) requires that, before requesting a waiver, a school board shall hold a public hearing in the

school district on the request for a waiver of any requirement in Wis. Stat. chs. 115 to 121; and WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 118.38(1m) requires that "the school board shall specify in its request for a waiver its reason for requesting the waiver." NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that: 1. On June 17, 2026, the Board of Education held a public hearing, in satisfaction of Wis. Stat. § 118.38(1)(b), concerning requests for waivers of the requirements identified herein; and 2. In compliance with Wis. Stat. §§ 118.38(1) and (1m), and for the reasons set forth herein, the Board of Education hereby directs the Superintendent or his/her designee to apply, on behalf of the Board, to the Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction (OSPI) for the waiver of the following: 3. Waiver of the minimum number of hours of instruction set forth in Wis. Stat. § 121.02(1)(f) for the 2025-26 school year due to the tornado that hit Riverside Elementary School and the neighborhood surrounding it on April 17, 2026, and resulted in 12.5 hours of lost instructional time for Riverside Elementary. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that execution of this Resolution is conclusive evidence of the Board of Education's approval of this action and of the authority granted herein at a duly-noticed meeting of the Board held on June 17, 2026. This motion, made by Katie Felch and seconded by Lindsey Lewitzke passed with a roll call vote.

Yee Leng Xiong: Yea, Ben Bliven: Yea, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

XI.D. Junior High and Idea Out-of-State Trips

Motion made by Lindsey Lewitzke and seconded by Katie Felch to approve the Junior High out-of-state trips to Washington, D.C. and Bemidji, Minnesota and Idea out-of-state Senior trip to Minneapolis, Minnesota. With a voice vote this motion passed.

XI.E. Staff Compensation Plan

Motion made by Katie Felch and seconded by Ben Bliven to approve the staff compensation plan as shown in the background. With a voice vote this motion passed.

XI.F. 2026-2027 Budget Update

XI.G. Year-End Spending 2025-2026

Motion made by Ben Bliven and seconded by Lindsey Lewitzke to allow administration to strategically spend end-of-year funds to best meet the needs of the District and deposit all remaining funds into Fund 73 and Fund 46 by the statutory date of July 30, 2026. With a voice vote this motion passed.

XI.H. 2026-2027 Budgetary Spending Approval

Motion made by Schaefer and seconded by Bliven to approve necessary payments for the 2026-2027 school year between now and the budget's official approval in October 2026.

XI.I. First Reading of Policies

Motion by Felch and second by Schaefer to approve the attached policies on first reading.

XI.I.1. po0100 Definitions

XI.I.2. po0167.3 Public Comment at Board Meetings

XI.I.3. po3120 Employment of Professional Staff

XI.I.4. po3120.05 Employment of Personnel in Community Education Programs

XI.I.5. po3140 Non-Renewal, Resignation, and Termination

XI.I.6. po4120.04 Employment of Substitutes

XI.I.7. po5200.01 Full-Time Student

XII. Petitions and Communications

XII.A. Thank You from K. VanSlyke for Memorial

XII.B. Thank You from P. Pierce for Sympathy

XII.C. Thank You from T. Fischer for Retirement Recognition

XII.D. Thank You from J. Weller for Sympathy

XIII. Future Meeting Dates

XIII.A. Regular Board Meeting

July 15, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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Regular Board Meeting

August 19, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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XIV. Motion by Lewitzke and seconded by Felch to Closed Session pursuant to WSS 19.85(1)(a) for deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body (Student Expulsion) (c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (Employee Compensation and Benefits & Update on Superintendent Goals).

With a roll call vote this motion passed.

Yee Leng Xiong: Yea, Ben Bliven: Yea, Jennifer Douck: Yea, Katie Felch: Yea, Shannon

Grabko: Yea, Lindsey Lewitzke: Yea, Larry Schaefer: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Benjamin K. Bliven, Clerk

Ellen Suckow, Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent & School Board

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